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### **Former employee of residential program is convicted and sentenced for criminal neglect of a vulnerable adult**

WASHINGTON - Lisa Haythe, a former counselor at "My Own Place, Inc.," an operator of supervised apartments for individuals with developmental disabilities, has been found guilty and sentenced for Criminal Negligence, U.S. Attorney Jeffrey A. Taylor and District of Columbia Inspector General Charles J. Willoughby announced today.

On February 10, 2009, Haythe, 33, of Washington, D.C., pled guilty to one count of Criminal Negligence in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia before the Honorable Jennifer Anderson. On February 24, 2009, Judge Anderson sentenced Haythe to 180 days in jail, all suspended, and 18 months of supervised probation. Haythe was also ordered to stay away from "My Own Place," the two victims, and not to work with vulnerable adults and vulnerable children. In addition, Haythe was ordered to pay \$50 to the Victims of Violent Crime Compensation Fund.

According to the government's evidence, on August 21, 2007, Haythe was responsible for transporting several "My Own Place" residents who attended a day treatment program for persons with disabilities and was aware of the company policy that residents are never to be left alone. Nevertheless, Haythe left to pick up the residents without a second staff member to accompany her. While stopped to pick up a resident in the 600 block of Rhode Island Avenue, NE, Haythe left two residents unattended in the transportation van with the keys in the ignition and windows down. When Haythe returned to where the van was parked, she discovered that the van had been stolen with the two residents still inside. Haythe then notified the Metropolitan Police Department that the van had been stolen with the two residents, and MPD officers eventually located both residents alone on a sidewalk approximately half a mile away from where the van was stolen.

In announcing the conviction and sentence, U.S. Attorney Taylor and Inspector General Willoughby praised the work of Medicaid Fraud Control Unit Chief Investigator Jacqueline Franklin for her investigation of the neglect. Mr. Taylor and Mr. Willoughby also commended Special Assistant U.S. Attorneys Stephanie Carowan and Dangkhwa Nguyen who jointly prosecuted the case.

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